

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising:

generating a command sequence in a remote component, ~~the command sequence being used in monitoring a plurality of engine characteristics and determining a type of operating data recording;~~

transmitting the command sequence [[via]] by a communication module in [[the]] a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle;

monitoring a plurality of engine characteristics by a processing unit in the monitoring unit;

parameterizing the command sequence by the processing unit;

determining a type of operating data recording by the processing unit;

processing the command sequence in the processing unit in the monitoring unit; and

continuously monitoring the operating data by the processing unit, the processing unit to determine determining when components of an engine no longer comply with a predetermined limit or manufacturer's warranty.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein the command sequence is generated in the remote component and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote component to the processing unit.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein the command sequence is transmitted via a mobile telephone network.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:  
    checking the command sequence [[in]] by the processing unit.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:  
    storing the command sequence in a storage unit.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:  
    transmitting the recorded data from the monitoring unit.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:  
    transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met.

25. (Currently Amended) A device for recording operating data, comprising:  
    a remote arrangement for generating a command sequence, the command sequence being used in monitoring a plurality of engine characteristics and determining a type of operating data recording;  
    a communication module for transmitting the command sequence via the communication module in the monitoring unit in the motor vehicle;  
    a processing unit for processing the command sequence, which is used in parameterizing the command sequence and continuously monitoring the operating data to determine when components of an engine no longer comply with a predetermined limit or manufacturer's warranty; and  
    a storage unit for recording the operating data.

26. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:  
    a display unit.

27. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:  
    operational control elements connected to one another via data lines.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising:

causing a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle to receive a generated command sequence using a processing unit, wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote component and transmitted via a communication module;

determining a type of operating data recording from the generated command sequence using the processing unit;

parameterizing the generated command sequence by the processing unit;

processing the generated command sequence in the processing unit in the monitoring unit; and

continuously monitoring the operating data by the processing unit to determine when components of an engine no longer comply with a predetermined limit or manufacturer's warranty.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a computer program, which is executable by a processor, comprising:

a program code arrangement having program code for performing the following:

generating a command sequence in a remote component;

determining a type of operating data recording from the command sequence by a processing unit of the monitoring unit;

parameterizing the generated command sequence by the processing unit;

transmitting the command sequence via a communication module of a monitoring unit in a motor vehicle;

processing the command sequence in [[a]] the processing unit of the monitoring unit; and

continuously monitoring the operating data by the processing unit to determine when components of an engine no longer comply with a predetermined limit or manufacturer's warranty.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium as recited in claim 29, wherein the program code arrangement further includes program code for performing the following:

checking the command sequence [[in]] by the processing unit;

storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and

transmitting a message via the communication module when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit[[,]]; and

wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.

31. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

checking the command sequence [[in]] by the processing unit;

storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and

transmitting a message via the communication module when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and

wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.

32. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:

a checking arrangement to check the command sequence in the processing unit, wherein the storage unit stores the command sequence; and

a transmitting arrangement to transmit a message when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and

wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.

33. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 28, further comprising:

checking the command sequence [[in]] by the processing unit;

storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and

transmitting a message via the communication module when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and

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wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.